

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2006, Applicants have amended claim 1 in order to clarify the intended subject matter of the invention and overcome the § 112 rejections. No new matter has been added.

For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art references.

II. The Rejection Of Claims 1 And 3-11 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 and 3-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has stated that claims 1 and 3-11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the § 112, second paragraph rejections. Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, do indeed overcome the § 112 rejections. Specifically, Applicants have amended claim 1 to change the term “period” to “duration”. This amendment removes both the ambiguity of whether the term “period” is the same or different in claims 1 and 3, and provides antecedent basis for the term “predetermined duration” in claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

10/530,442

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

McDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP

 Reg No 53,308

For Michael E. Fogarty
Registration No. 36,139

600 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-3096
Phone: 202.756.8000 MEF/kap
Facsimile: 202.756.8087
Date: July 14, 2006

**Please recognize our Customer No. 20277
as our correspondence address.**